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1. On 22 July 1952, an engineer unit was entrained at the Wittenberg (N 52/E 37) railroad station. Source saw 4 trucks loaded with timber and 28 trucks []

[] carrying pontoons, boards and sacks with straw. A total of six boxcars was made available. (1)

2. On 24 July, a train of about 64 axles and 4 boxcars carrying about 250 soldiers and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying about 15 trucks including an ambulance and a bus [] and 8 flatcars each carrying two small guns stood ready for departure at the Eisenach (L 51/H 76) railroad station. (2)

3. On 26 July, four T 34/85 tanks including tank [] were entrained at the Wittenberg railroad station. Truck [] was at the ramp. (3)

4. On 29 July, a train carrying about 100 soldiers, about 15 trucks including 3 trucks towing field kitchens, 3 radio trucks, 4 or 5 sedans [] stood on a siding at the Wittenberg railroad station. About 20 soldiers were blocking the vehicles with wedges. (4)

5. At 1:20 p.m. on 29 July, a column of 1 jeep and 20 trucks towing 6 x 37-mm AA guns and 2 field kitchens in operation was seen leaving Finsterwalde (N 52/A 15) in the direction of Schacksdorf and turning south. Between 100 and 200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen with the column []

Comments.

- (1) On 23 July 1952, motor vehicle [] mentioned in the present report was seen by another source when an engineer unit was being detrained in Weisswasser. Therefore [] undoubtedly saw the same train which probably carried a unit of the 82d Air Bn of the 9th Mech Div.

- (4) The train is believed identical with train [] from Lagedburg to the area of Finsterwalde []

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[redacted] also saw this train passing through Wittenberg. [redacted]
[redacted] the dispatching
station confirm that elements of the Third Shock Army participated in the
command post exercise in Finsterwalde.
[redacted] unit of an AAA division of the GOFG
which participated in the command post exercise in Finsterwalde.

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